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Less than a house

This house at Second and H streets in San Bernardino is in the final stage of demolition.

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that the whole thing had to be denied," he said.

The RICO statute was passed by Congress to give law enforcement agencies a weapon against organized crime. But in a controversial legal development, the law has also been applied to civil cases.

Federal appellate courts have given conflicting interpretations on how broadly the law can be applied to civil matters.

One of Granke's lawyers, Lora-mel Shurtieff of Columbia, Mo., said one reason the case was filed in Missouri is that federal courts there have applied the statute broadly to civil fraud cases.

She said RICO was used "because that was the most muscle we could use against the church."

Granke said he was transferred from Spokane to the Pacific Union in California after he tried to withdraw church investments with Davenport.

He was terminated from church employment in California, ostensibly because of his hearing problem, he said. The family moved to Columbia, Mo., so his wife, Elaine, could teach in an Adventist school there. But she also lost her job.

Reid Granke said he believes both terminations were in retaliation for his whistle-blowing.

"Had they not suffered so seriously at the church's hands, they would not have taken (legal) action," Shurtieff said.

UCR chancellor will be named

RIVERSIDE — University of California regents are expected to select a new UCR chancellor Friday, ending the guessing game over who will fill the vacancy left by the death of Tomas Rivera last July.

UC President David Gardner will put his choice for the post up to a vote of the UC regents Friday during a closed meeting at the Irvine campus.

Gardner's nominee has not been identified to the public, but UCR's executive vice chancellor, Theodore Hullar, has been mentioned as one of the top candidates, according to Jack Chappell, UCR's public information officer. Hullar has been acting chancellor since Rivera died of a heart attack.

James M. Rosser, president of California State University, Los Angeles, also had been the topic of speculation, but has said twice in the past that he is not a candidate.

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Mrs. Granke reportedly has filed a separate lawsuit relating to her termination.

Davenport's financial problems are still being untangled by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles. He practices medicine in Corona del Mar.

He defaulted on \$1.6 million in loans from the Upper Columbia Conference, according to a bankruptcy trustee's report. Some of that money may ultimately be recovered.

Granke said he discovered that many of the loans were unsecured or improperly recorded, leaving the church with little or no collateral.

The loans were supposed to be secured by first trust deeds.

Granke said he pressured Davenport to secure the notes, then demanded the church's money back, all to no avail.

The nursing home scheme al-

legedly involved an unnamed prominent church member in the Pacific Northwest who supposedly donated four nursing homes in Washington state to the church.

But Granke said the church member retained ownership over the properties and continued to receive income from them while gaining a substantial tax deduction on the "donation."

Shurtieff said no hearings on Granke's case have been scheduled and she doesn't know when it will come to trial. The defendants have until March 22 to file written responses. Shurtieff said Granke is able to document all of his accusations.

"Mr. Granke kept a very thorough file," she said. "He's a very meticulous and careful person."

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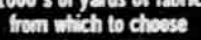
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Files to go back to museum from UCR

By HOWARD A. ELLIS

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REDLANDS — State-owned archaeological files valuable in preparing environmental impact reports for development will be transferred to the San Bernardino County Museum in July from the University of California, Riverside, the museum director said Wednesday.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Historical Preservation transferred the documents to the university's archaeological data unit in January.

Before that, they had been maintained by the San Bernardino County Museum Association, a private group next door to the museum on Orange Tree Lane.

Local officials asked for return of the documents because of their value in determining whether a site proposed for development has archaeological importance. State law requires a study of archaeological value as part of an environ-

mental impact report.

Dr. Allan D. Griesemer, museum director, said he and Albert R. Reid, San Bernardino County General Services Agency administrator, went to Sacramento in February to request the transfer.

State officials not only returned the records and related maps and reports, but also authorized an annual \$4,000 allocation toward storage and administration of the files.

Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Museum Advisory Commission agreed to support Griesemer's request to the Board of Supervisors for a full-time manager for the files. A salary would be determined if the position is authorized.

He said the Riverside university staff expressed no opposition to the transfer order. The documents will be used by planners and others interested in the EIR process. They are not generally available to other researchers.

Bingo game fails to draw

HIGHLAND — A church bingo game with a house as the "grand prize" was canceled here Wednesday night after only two players showed up.

The game was scheduled by the First Universal Life Church of Riverside. Players were supposed to pay a \$100 entry fee, and the winner was to have taken over the payments on a foreclosed house with no down payment or closing costs.

But Pastor Ron Rende and Highland real estate agent Terry Dzvonik, who organized the game, said they were unsure whether they would continue with the project after Wednesday's disappointing turnout.

Dzvonik blamed the poor showing on a lack of publicity. He said that he had tried to place an advertisement promoting the game

in The Sun, but was told the newspaper does not accept advertising for bingo games. And, he said, there was not enough time to place ads in other media.

(Sun Advertising Director Orage Quarles said The Sun's policy stems from U.S. Postal regulations that prohibit using the mails to disseminate information about a lottery. Some Sun newspapers are delivered by mail.)

But Rende speculated that the \$100 entry fee was simply too high for the average bingo player.

"You've got to be a pretty high roller to afford that," he said.

The Doc Holliday Saloon, where the bingo game was to have taken place, seats about 100. Dzvonik said that he would need a minimum of about 50 players to call a game.